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"Oh yeah? . . . well, I'd like a second opinion."

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Take Me to
Your Vet

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by Jim Davis



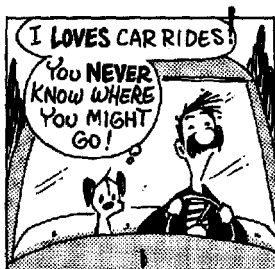


- WELL, BELLA - CONVINCED ! ?

Mother Goose & Grimm



Mutts



GARFIELD

by Jim Davis

AT HALLOWEEN
WE CATS
BECOME
BEWITCHED...



OUR EYES TURN
BLOOD RED...



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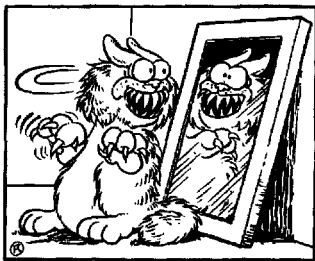
OUR FANGS
GROW...



AND OUR HAIR
STANDS UP.



JIM DAVIS



AAY!
EEE!

THAT'S RIGHT, DOC.
HE SCREAMED,
TURNED WHITE,
AND PASSED OUT.



Mother Goose & Grimm



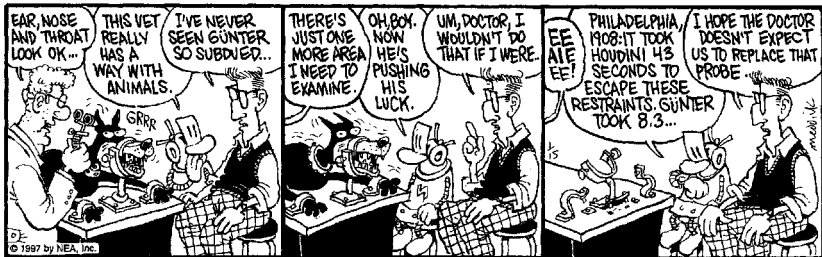
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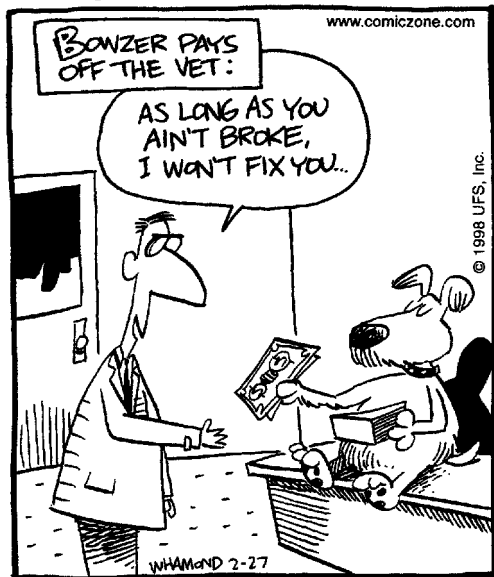
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Robotman



Reality Check



Nick Downes

"Oh, Ma'am—I wouldn't bother him while he's eating!"



Waiting Room

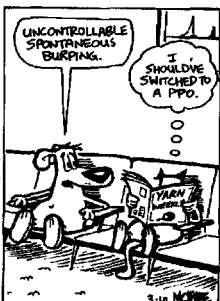
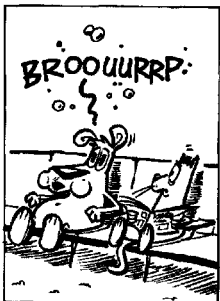
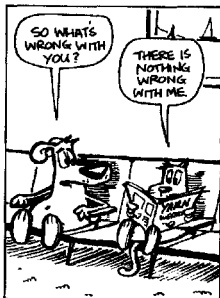


"Congratulations! It's a bitch!"



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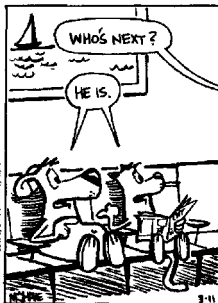
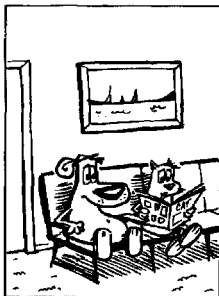
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Cornered

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"Just relax and let me do the talking."

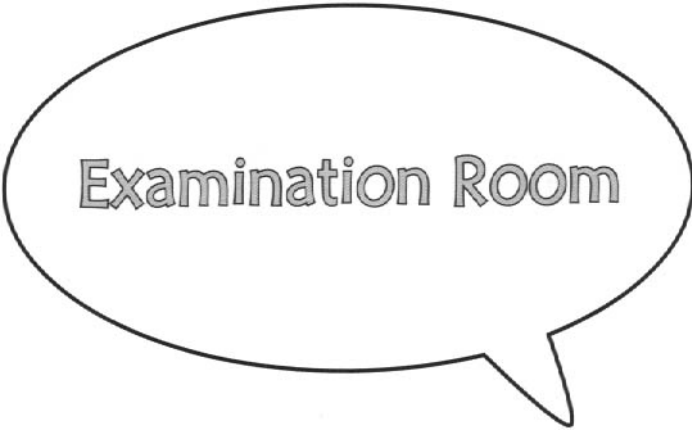
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by Jim Davis





"COULD WE GO IN AHEAD OF YOU? HIS
TRANQUILIZER IS WEARING OFF."



Examination Room



"The ringing in your ears — I think I can help."

Mother Goose & Grimm



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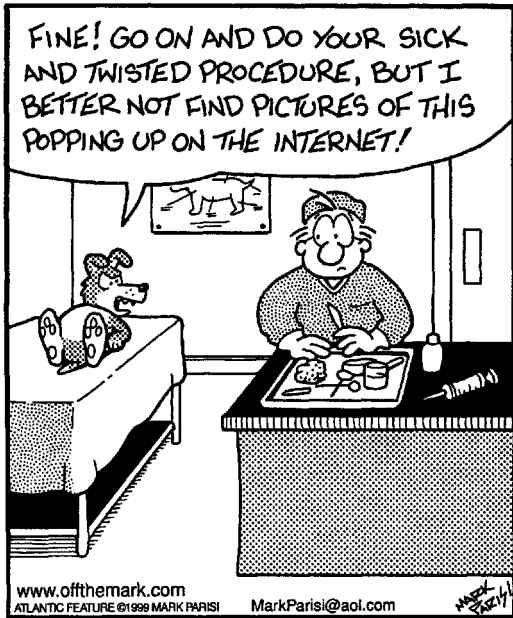
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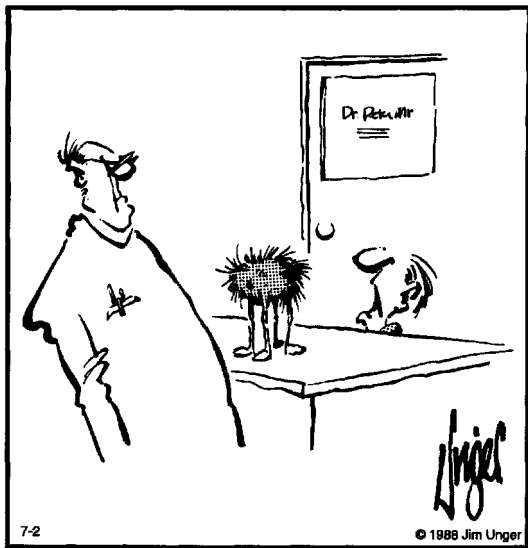
"I seem to have missed the cup."

Mother Goose & Grimm





"May I keep my collar on?"



"You're a vet. Don't you know what it is?"

CITIZEN DOG

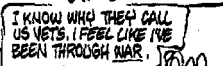
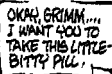
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9-18 MOORE

50
WAVE
ECHO





Say Meow

THINGS ARE GOING TO BE SO
MUCH NICER NOW THAT WE'VE HAD
FLUFFY DECLAWED...



Sylvia



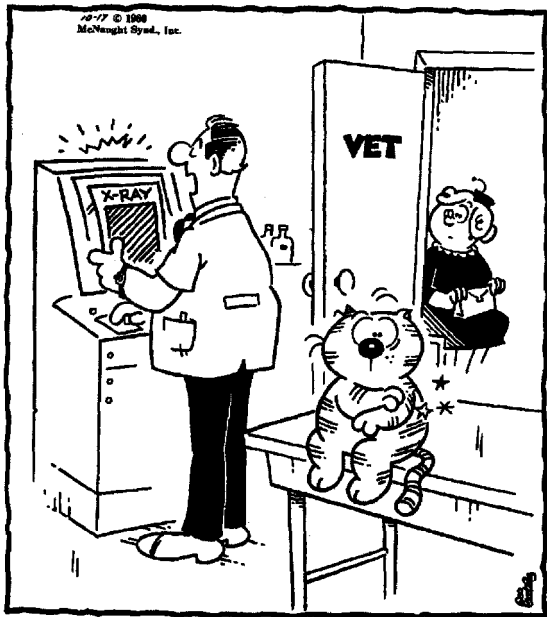
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"JUST AS I SUSPECTED...SCRATCHING POST ELBOW."



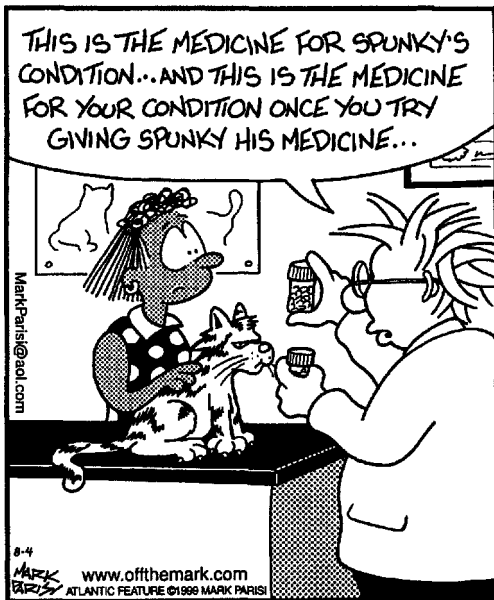
**"We don't care how cute you were as a kitten.
You still need an appointment to see the doctor."**

Mother Goose & Grimm



off the mark

by Mark Parisi



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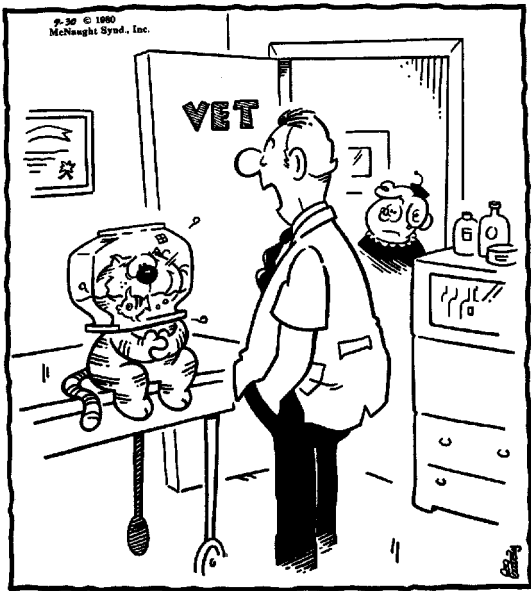
"HAVE YOU GOT A TABBY COLORED BAND-AID?"

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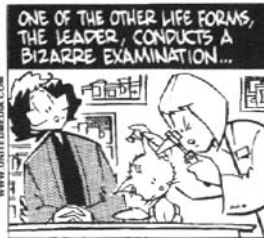
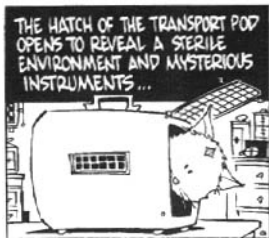
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"I THOUGHT I TOOK YOU OFF
BETWEEN MEAL SNACKS ?!"

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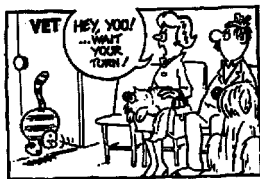


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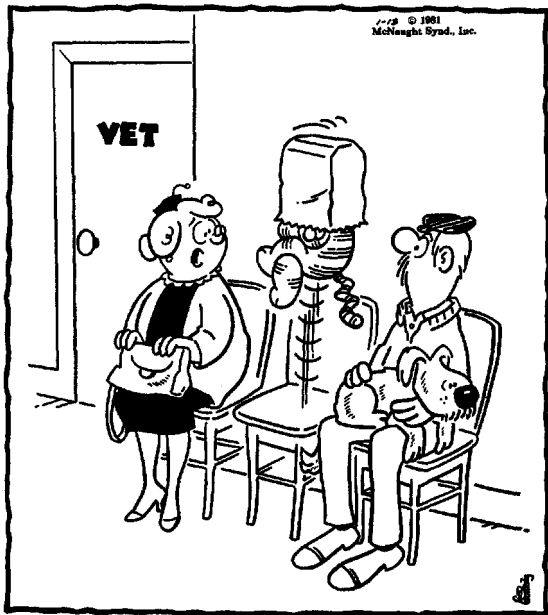


"He's still ornery—can you fix something else?"

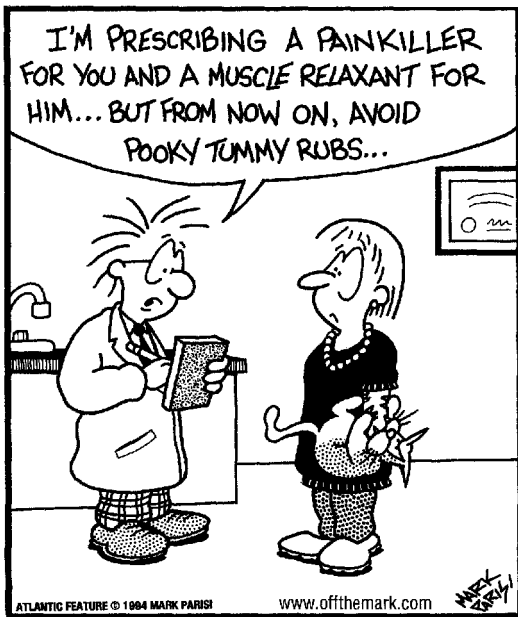


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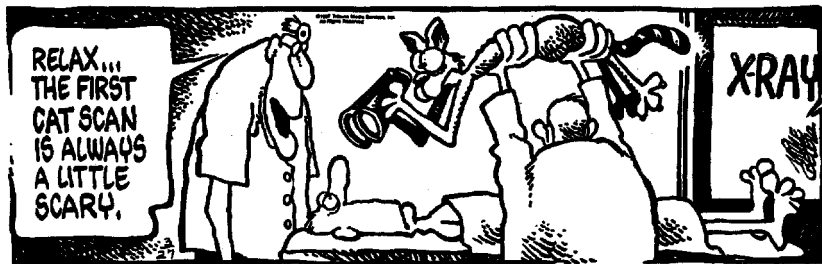
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"HICCUPS."



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There, There, That
Didn't Hurt!

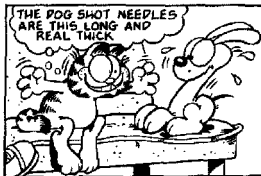
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A black and white cartoon illustration. A man in a lab coat, presumably a veterinarian, is shown from the chest up, holding a large medical syringe with both hands. He has a wide-eyed, somewhat nervous or surprised expression. Behind him, a cat is perched on a surface, looking at the vet with a question mark floating above its head. The background is a simple line drawing of a doorway with the word "VET" written on the wall above it. The cartoon is signed "Garry Shandling" in the bottom right corner.

"THAT WAS A COTTON SWAB...
...NOW FOR THE SHOT..."

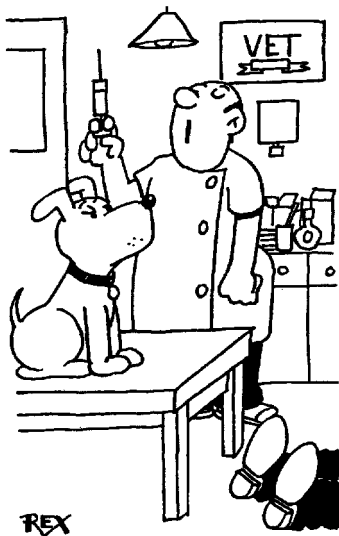
GARFIELD

OH OH! JON HAS
THAT 'WE'RE GOING
TO THE VET' LOOK





"I've discovered the reason for his migraine...this dart!"



"There, now, that didn't hurt a bit, did it, boy?
O.K. Mr. Crudwell, you can take him home now."

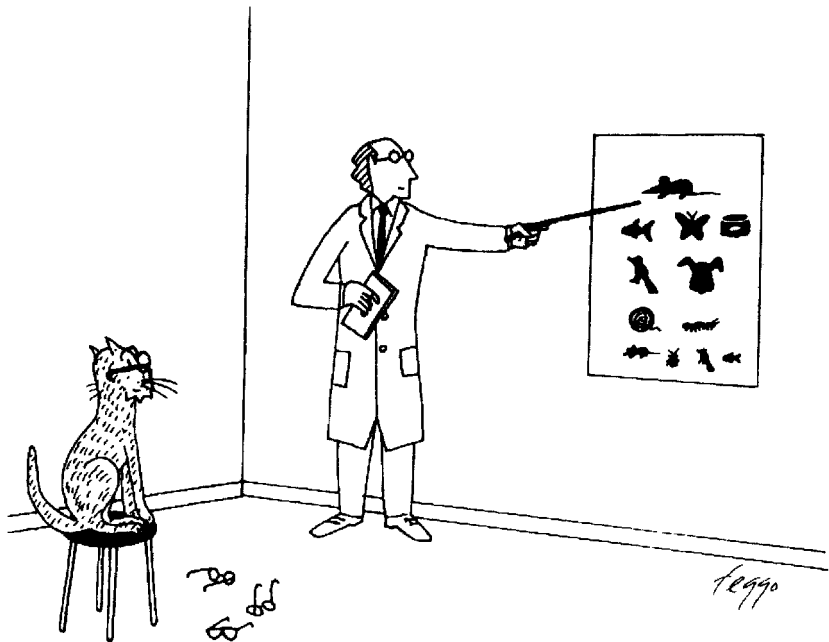
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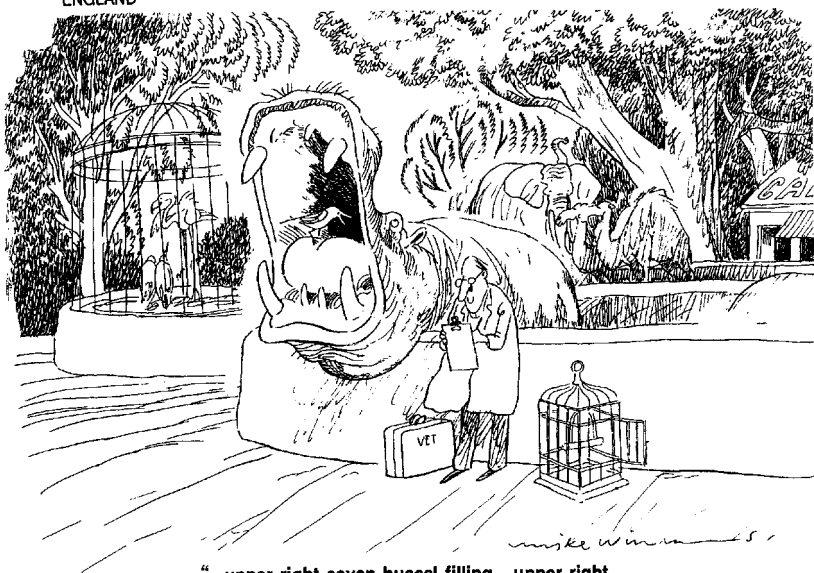


"I'm used to having a pussycat doctor."

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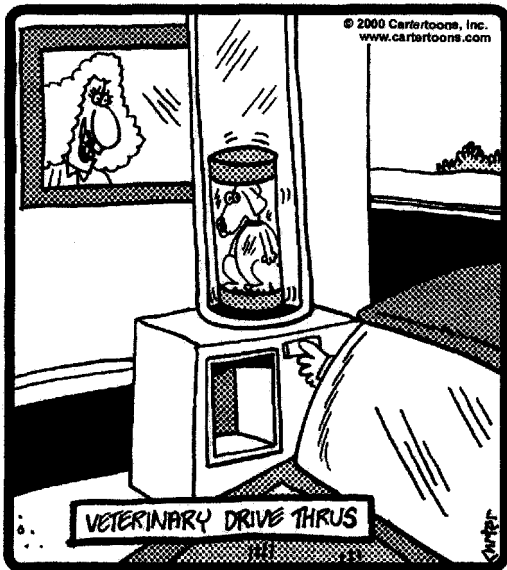
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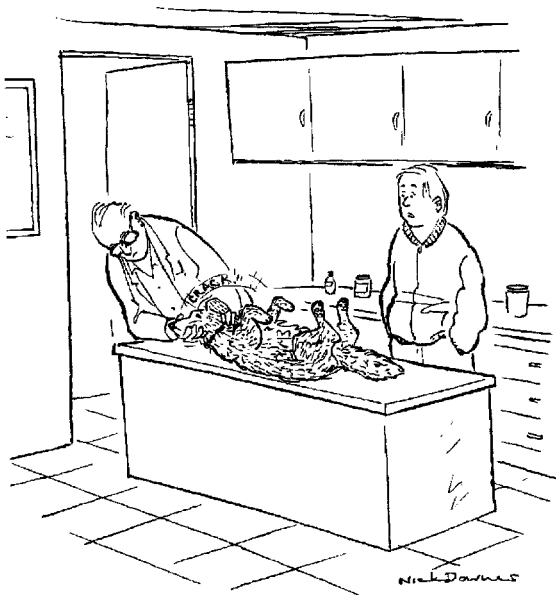


“...upper right seven buccal filling....upper right
six mesial filling with palatal extension...”

FUNNY FILES

BY JON CARTER

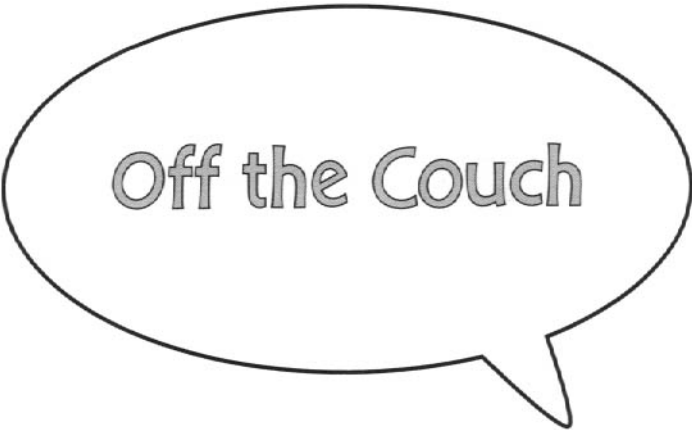




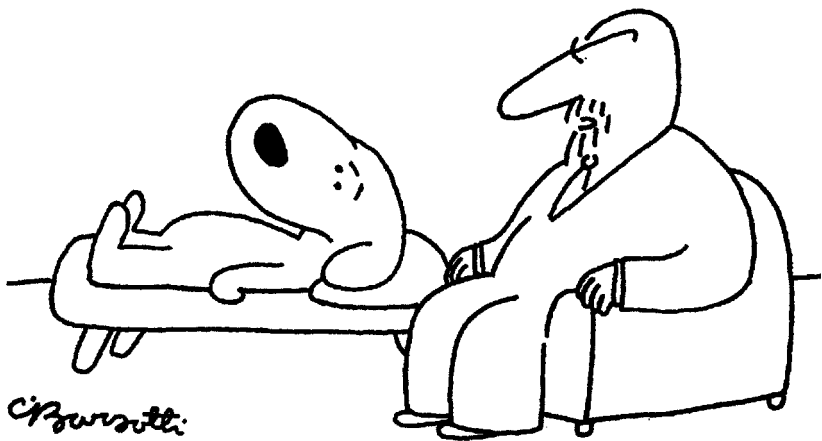
"Are there many veterinary chiropractors?"



"Under our holistic approach, Mr. Wyndot, we not only treat your symptoms, we also treat your dog."



Off the Couch



"And only you can hear this whistle?"



"YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY. ASIDE FROM THE
DUCK BILL AND THE EGGS YOU'RE A PERFECTLY NORMAL MAMMAL."

FREE-ASSOCIATING







"BELIEVE ME, FOR A PIG, HAVING TO LIVE IN A HOUSE OF STRAW
IS NOT THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU."

**RICHTER
USA**



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**"O.k., who else has experienced the best friend
relationship as inadequate?"**

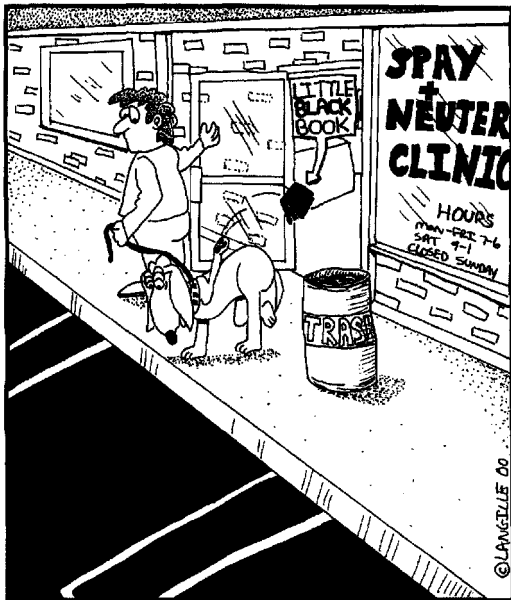
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Side Effects

Strange Breed by Steve Langille

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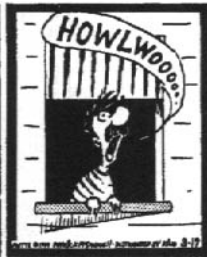


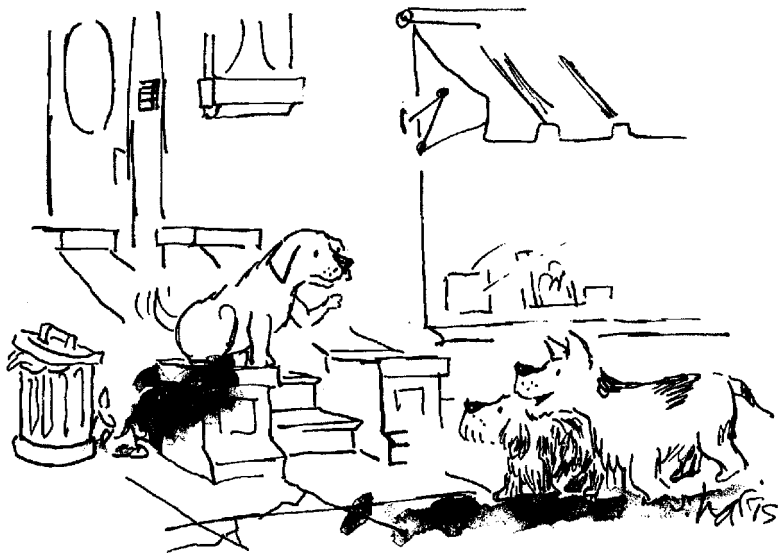


"That was a nice touch—having
the vet buried with him."

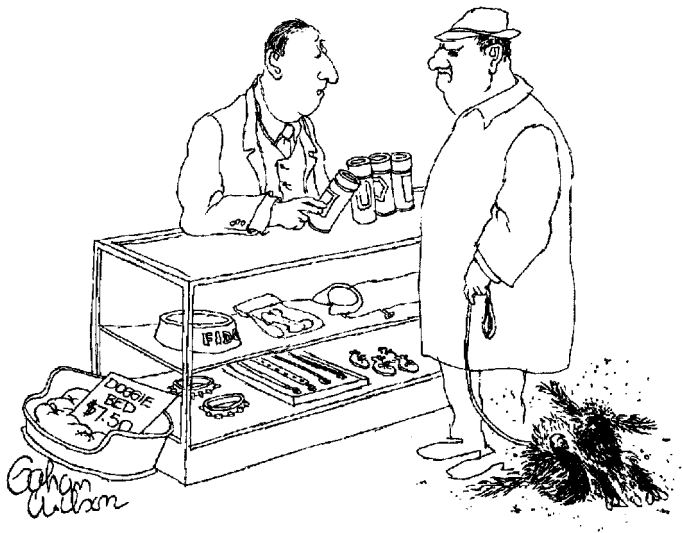


Mutts





"SINCE I'VE BEEN NEUTERED I HAVE A LOT MORE PLATONIC FRIENDS THAN I USED TO HAVE."



"This preparation will eliminate fleas, this one ticks,
this one various other vermin and considerable fungi,
and this one will eliminate the dog itself."

SAVOY PET HEADSTONES

IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY
ON SOME
STONES!

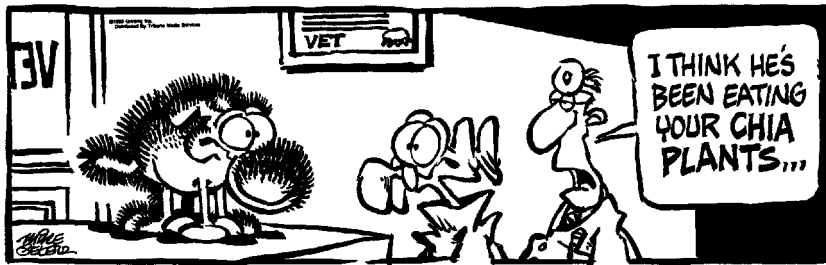
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The Dog Ate
My Homework

Mother Goose & Grimm



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FARLEY WENT TO
THE
DOCTOR
TODAY!

AND HE WAS SUCH A
GOOD BOY - WASN'T
HE.

WHAT'S THIS? - ALL THIS MONEY FOR A
CHECK-UP?

DOGFOOD, DOG TOYS, BOOKS... AND NOW IT'S
NEEDLES, X-RAYS,
EXAMINATIONS....

THIS MISERABLE HOUND
IS COSTING US A
FORTUNE!

...IT JUST DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE...

HOW CAN IT COST SO
MUCH TO
RAISE A
DOG WE
GOT FOR
FREE
?!

LYNN

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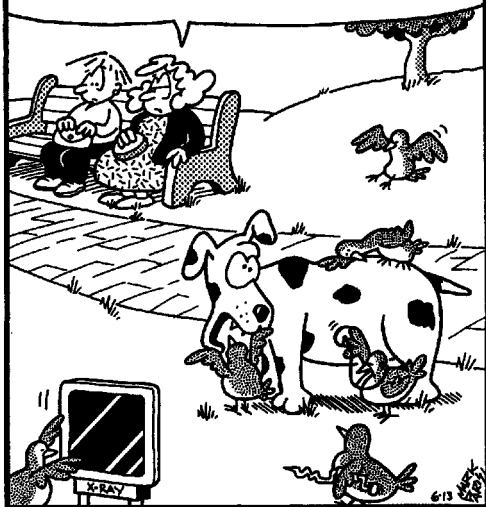
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"He is physically able to wag his tail—given sufficient cause."

HILLARY, MAYBE IT'S TIME YOU HAD
YOUR DOG CHECKED FOR WORMS...



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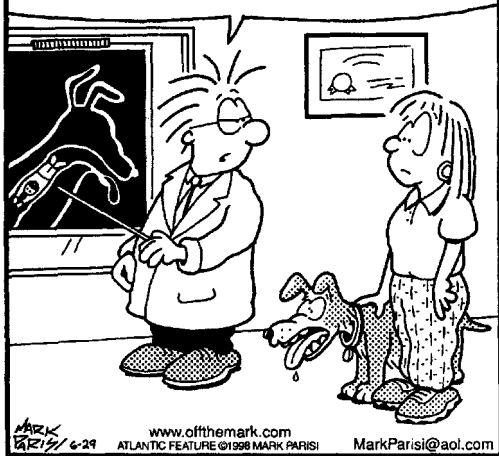


"He appears to have eaten some homework."

off the mark

by Mark Parisi

I DON'T WANT TO SECOND-GUESS
YOUR DOG'S DRINKING HABITS, BUT
SHE APPEARS TO HAVE THE TY-D-BOWL
MAN LODGED IN HER THROAT...



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Miscellaneous

Mutts





*"I'm afraid we'll have to keep him overnight.
Are you going to need a loaner?"*



“As a veterinarian, Martin can’t go anywhere without having someone ask for free advice.”

Cornered

by Baldwin



"He's nervous. Normally he'd wait until we got outside."





GET ME TO THE
SAWBOONES, OK? PAL!
I'M AFRAID I'M
A-HEADIN' FORTH THE
LAST ROUNDUP!



WELL!... PETE
THE PARAKEET
AND HEATHCLIFF!



NICE LITTLE
PRACTICE YOU'VE
GOT HERE... AND
YOU'RE GOING
TO KEEP ON
PRACTICING
TIL YOU GET IT
RIGHT!... HEH, HEH!
A LITTLE HUMOR
THERE...



I DIDN'T FEEL WELL AT
ALL THIS MORNING...
MUST OF GOT UP ON
THE WRONG SIDE OF
THE PERCH!... NO
APPETITE... JUST
HAD SOME WARM
TEA AND A
TOASTED
SEED.



TRIED TO READ THE
MORNING PAPER
(IT'S ALWAYS RIGHT
THERE ON THE
FLOOR OF MY CAGE)
BUT, EVERYTHING
SEEMED BLURRY...



THIS VISIT
IS COVERED BY
MY MEDI-BIRD
INSURANCE PLAN...
JUST HAND ME
THE PROPER FORMS
AND I'LL FILL
THEM OUT.



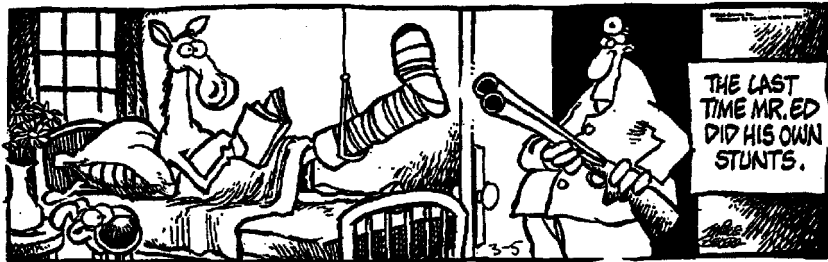
PERHAPS,
IF YOU'D
JUST TELL
ME WHAT
THE
PROBLEM
IS...



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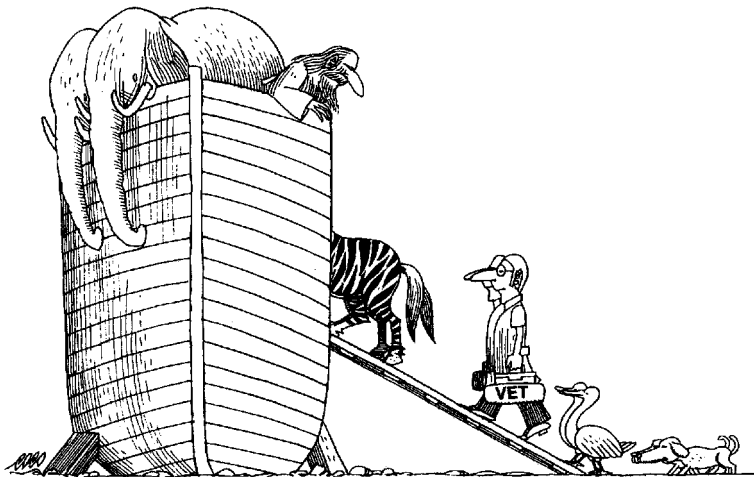


Mother Goose & Grimm





"Listen to me, Dave. I'm not just your friend, I'm your veterinarian."



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